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<u>I-393 PAVEMENT AND BRIDGE WORK BEGINS IN CONCORD</u> EXIT 1 EASTBOUND ON-RAMP TO BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces work is scheduled to begin this week on the rehabilitation of seven bridges and pavement on Interstate 393 in Concord. Additional work will include improvements to drainage and high-mast lighting, and the replacement of guardrail and signs.

This project begins at the intersection of I-393 and North Main Street and ends approximately 1,300 feet west of Exit 2.

The rehabilitation of the Merrimack River bridge and the Fort Eddy Road bridge will initially require the closure of the Exit 1 eastbound on-ramp. This ramp will be closed to traffic on Wednesday, April 3, 2002 and will remain closed until late fall of this year when it will be reopened when construction work is suspended for the winter. Beginning in April 2003, the Exit 1 eastbound on-ramp will again be closed until July 2003.

Fort Eddy Road traffic seeking to enter I-393 eastbound will be encouraged to use the westbound on-ramp at Exit 1, proceed west on I-393 to the I-93 interchange, and reverse direction to I-393 eastbound.

R.S. Audley, Inc. of Bow, New Hampshire is the general contractor for the \$6.1 million project, which has a final completion date of July 2003.